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| 1. This communication is responsive to <u>application filed January 26, 2004</u> . | | |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1</u> . | | |
| 3. 🖾 The drawings filed on <u>26 January 2004</u> are accepted by the Examiner. | | |
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| Attachment(s) 1. ☑ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date The Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. ☐ Other | | |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Drawings

An Official Draftsman has approved the drawings.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Agent Catherine Anne Whealy on May 28, 2004

In the specification:

- A. Page 2, line 6, the term "taken" has been deleted.
- B. Page 9, after line 11, the following has been inserted:
 - -- Base: Fused. --.
- C. Page 9, line 12, the term "fused" has been deleted and replaced with -- Entire --.

Future Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to June Hwu whose telephone number is (571) 272-0977. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell, can be reached on (571) 272-0974. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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